Report
Visit to Hnahlan, Champhai
Department of Economics, Govt Champhai College

Two days exposure visit was organised by the Department of Economics, Govt Champhai College on 9th – 10th September, 2019. The tour comprised two students from 5th Semester accompanied by Miss C.Lalthantluangi, Asst Professor and Dr Lalrinkimi Pachuau, Assistant Professor from Dept of Economics.

Objectives of the tour:

1. To study the economic significance of winery
2. To interact with members of the local self-help groups.
3. To learn and understand the farming system in thevillage.

Day 1 (09/09/19):

Our tour kicked started from Hnahlan Maxi Cab counter, Champhai Venglai. The 3 hours journey started at 1:00 P.M with a lot of excitement and joy and we reached our destination at 3:00 P.M., Mr. C.Lalrindika and his family warmly welcomed all of us.



L to R: B.P.Malsawmtluangi, Vanlalhmangaihdawngi, Miss C.Lalthantluangi, Dr Lalrinkimi Pachuau

After a quick wash and a cup of tea, the group set out for Hnahlan Winery. The Hnahlan Winery Ltd was established in 2007. It became operational in 2010 after the Mizoram Government had revised the Liquor Total Prohibition Act 1997.



Pic: Hnahlan Winery

Before the revision of the 1997 Act, grapes were being sold as table fruit or pressed for juice. The winery is operated under Government of Mizoram supervision and under current regulations production must be consumed in Mizoram.



Pic: Interaction with the Manager

After dinner, we have interactions with members of several Self-help groups in the village. The topic of the discussion was on the functions and importance of self-help groups in improving women's economic status.



Pic: Interaction with Local Self-Help group members

Day 2 (10/09/10)

In the early morning of the second day, we went to the Hnahlan Primary Health Centre, the only health facility in the area. After breakfast, we visited the agricultural land of Mr. C.Lalrindika.



Pic: On our way to the farm



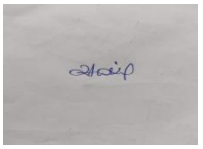
Pic: Lunch in the traditional style

The main occupation of the people in the village was agriculture. Grapes are the most important crop grown in the area, as it is the state's largest grape-producing region. Rice, ginger, and other crops are also grown in the village.



Pic: Collecting Vegetables

We departed the village at 5:00 PM and reached home safely at 8:00 p.m. This trip was unforgettable. Not only was it learning experience, but it was also a fun and relaxing break.It was a new, interesting and informative experience for all of us.



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